

Unit I: - Normed Linear Space

(Defn.) Normed Linear Space: - Let E be a linear space over the field K of real or complex numbers. A norm on E is a map $\| \cdot \|: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the following conditions:-

The image of an element $x \in E$ under the above map is denoted by $\|x\|$ and called the norm of x . It is a real no.

$$(N_1) \|x\| \geq 0 \text{ for every } x \in E.$$

$$(N_2) \|x\| = 0 \text{ iff } x = 0$$

$$(N_3) \|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|x\| \text{ for every } \lambda \in K \text{ and } x \in E.$$

$$(N_4) \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \text{ for all } x, y \in E.$$

A linear space E in which a norm is defined is called a normed linear space. A nls, is called a real or complex nls according as the field K is the field of real or complex numbers.

Theorem
Q.No \Rightarrow Every normed linear space is a metric space.

Proof: - Let E be a nls, we define a map $d: E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ for all $x, y \in E$.

then, clearly, $d(x, y) = \|x - y\| \geq 0$ by (N_1) .

Also, $d(x, y) = 0$ iff $\|x - y\| = 0$ iff $x - y = 0$
i.e. iff $x = y$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } d(x, y) &= \|x - y\| = \|(-1)(y - x)\| \\ &= |-1| \cdot \|y - x\| = d(y, x) \quad \text{for all} \end{aligned}$$

$x, y \in E$, by (N_3) .

Finally, for any $x, y, z \in E$,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, z) &= \|x - z\| = \|(x - y) + (y - z)\| \leq \|x - y\| \\ &\quad + \|y - z\|, \quad \text{by } (N_4). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z).$$

So, d becomes a metric on E , called the metric generated by the norm of E .

$\therefore (E, d)$ is a metric space.